

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**OFFICER INVOLVED
SHOOTING EVALUATION**

UNIT: O.S.S./ G.E.T. W516B
DATE: 11-09-93
TIME: 2306 Hours
LOCATION: [REDACTED] E. 126th Street

URN#: 093-16866-1689-057
IAB#: IAB 006503
NATURE OF INCIDENT: Officer Involved Shooting-Suspect Hit

COMPLETED BY: Sergeant Edward L. Allen
Internal Affairs Bureau

DATE: 12-08-93

COUNTY LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

Call

☐

Observation

☒

Search Warrant

☐

Arrest Warrant

☐

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

█ E. 126th Street

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence

☐

Business

☐

Industrial

☐

Parking Lot

☐

Street

☐

Backyard

☐

Freeway

☐

Rural

☐

Other

☒

Park

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE

11-09-93

TIME

2306 Hours

DAY

Tuesday

LIGHTING

Street Lamps around Lake

WEATHER

Clear
Dry
Dark

DISTANCE

30 Yards

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

None

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	Not Applicable
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	Not Applicable
STARTLE:	Not Applicable
UNINTENTIONAL:	Not Applicable
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> RAID JACKET: <input type="checkbox"/> PLAIN CLOTHES: <input type="checkbox"/>
VEST WORN:	Yes
FOOT PURSUIT:	Yes
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	No
MOVING VEHICLE:	Not Applicable
VEHICLE STOP:	Not Applicable
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	Department Issued
GUN IN HOLSTER:	No
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	No
ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION: None	

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER						
EMPLOYEE'S NAME Bald, James C.						
RANK Deputy		EMPLOYEE NO. [REDACTED]		UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT O.S.S./G.E.T. F.O.R. II		
SEX M	RACE Cau.	HEIGHT 6' 1"	WEIGHT 180	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]	
DUTY STATUS On Duty					HIRE DATE 07-20-83	
UNIFORM Yes		RAID JACKET Not Applicable		PLAIN CLOTHES Not Applicable		VEST Yes
INJURED No				DECEASED No	CORONER'S CASE NO. Not Applicable	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES None						
WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE?				YES [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] NO [<input type="checkbox"/>]		
WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW?				YES [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] NO [<input type="checkbox"/>]		
WHERE? Carson Station						
SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Jacquez						
WEAPON USED						
TYPE Beretta, 9MM			AUTHORIZED Yes			
AMMUNITION TYPE 9MM			AUTHORIZED Yes			
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY 26		NO. OF HITS 4		
DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY						
UNDER THE INFLUENCE No		TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No		ORDERED BY Not Applicable		
TRAINING INFORMATION						
LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]			PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]			

DEPUTY INVOLVED
Continued

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY		
DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
11-22-92 to Present	Safe Streets Bureau/ F.O.R. II	Deputy
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
██████████	██████████	██████████
PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)		
FILE	DATE	TYPE
89-27712-0181-055	12-15-89	Assault with a Deadly Weapon/ Suspect Dead

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME Polee			FIRST NAME Creadell			M/I P.	
ADDRESS [REDACTED]							
SEX: M	RACE BLK.	HEIGHT 6'2"	WEIGHT 220	D.O.B. 08-04-72	AGE 21	DECEASED No	
INJURED Yes		DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES One Gunshot wound to right leg and three gunshot wounds to left leg					
SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY							
UNDER THE INFLUENCE No							
TYPE OF SUBSTANCE Not Applicable				LAB TEST CONDUCTED No			
ARMED Yes				TYPE OF WEAPON Sawed off shotgun			
NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT None				NUMBER OF HITS None			
SUSPECT VEHICLE Not Applicable							
CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS) See Attached							
SUMMARY OF INCIDENT See Attached							

INCIDENT SUMMARY

On November 9, 1993, at approximately 2145 hours, Safe Streets Bureau/ Gang Enforcement Team unit W516B, working out of Carson Station, Deputies James Bald, # [REDACTED], and Dana Ellison, # [REDACTED], were travelling west bound on E. 120th Street when they observed two males in Willowbrook Park, standing adjacent to a picnic table. Deputy Ellison stated that their attention was drawn to the two males because one of the males was dressed in red and black, colors known to be worn by gang members who identify themselves as Pirus or Bloods. He also noticed that one of the males was keeping a close eye on their radio car. He stated that because of this they decided to contact the two males. The two males were later identified as Suspect Creadell Polee, aka "Peete" and Witness [REDACTED], aka "[REDACTED]".

Deputy Bald, the driver of the vehicle, turned around, drove over the curb and into Willowbrook Park. However, the two males were no longer at the location by the picnic table, but were observed walking, southbound, around the lake. Deputy Bald drove the patrol car up to the two males, to a position that placed the two males between the lake and the patrol car. Deputy Ellison stated that he could not recall whether the head lights were on at this time or not. He stated that as the two males walked along the lake he observed one of the males, later identified as Suspect Creadell Polee, carrying a "sawed-off" in his left hand. He stated that Suspect Polee was walking adjacent to the water and Witness [REDACTED] was between Suspect Polee and the radio car. He was able to see the barrel of the gun break the plain of Suspect Polee's body as he walked, and he informed Deputy Bald that Suspect Polee was armed with a "sawed-off rifle or shotgun." He said he also noticed that Witness [REDACTED] was holding a bottle of beer in his right hand.

Deputy Bald stopped the radio car, told Suspect Polee and Witness [REDACTED] to stop and come over to the radio car. Witness [REDACTED] complied with the instructions, but Suspect Polee began to run southbound along the lake. As the Suspect started to run he raised the shotgun to a position in front of his chest, holding it with both hands (in a port arms position), pointing it over his right shoulder. Deputy Ellison stated that he was exiting the radio car and taking a position at the right front of the radio car, near the engine block when this occurred. He stated that if the suspect fired he would be in a position to return fire. He said Suspect Polee did not fire, but continued to run.

Deputy Ellison went in foot pursuit of Suspect Polee, running behind, and to the right of him. Deputy Bald observed the shotgun appear to be pointed over the shoulder of Suspect Polee, and fired several rounds, in rapid succession, from his Department issued Beretta. At this point Suspect Polee was approximately thirty yards from Deputy Bald. Suspect Polee continued to run, with Deputy Ellison in foot pursuit. Deputy Bald reloaded and fired several more rounds in the direction of Suspect Polee. As Suspect Polee approached the narrow area of the lake, he threw the sawed-off shotgun into the lake. Suspect Polee ran across the narrow area of the lake, and onto the grassy area of the park, where he fell to the ground, and was taken into custody.

Deputy Bald ordered Witness [REDACTED] into the back seat of the radio car, broadcast their involvement in a shooting and foot pursuit, and drove to the location of Deputy Ellison.

Deputy Ellison noticed that Suspect Polee was bleeding from his legs, and requested paramedics and an ambulance to respond to his location.

Witness [REDACTED] stated that Suspect Polee, his [REDACTED], had been involved in a fight with friends prior to this incident. He stated that Suspect Polee was very angry and went to get a gun. He received information from his friends that suspect Polee was walking around with a gun and he went to locate Suspect Polee. He located Suspect Polee as he was walking eastbound on E. 120th Street. He talked to Suspect Polee as they walked toward Willowbrook Park. He recalled that as they went into the park a marked Sheriff's car drove westbound, but did not stop. Witness [REDACTED] stated he knew Suspect Polee had a gun, but he did not see the gun. He said Suspect Polee was wearing a very large coat, and thought the gun was concealed under the coat.

Witness [REDACTED] recalled that they were talking as they were walking around the lake, and the patrol car suddenly appeared. He does not recall whether the head lights were on or off, but said they did not hear or see the car coming. He stated he was holding a bottle of beer when one of the deputies told them to stop and walk over to the car, stating, "Step over to the car gentlemen." Witness [REDACTED] stated he turned to his right and began to walk over to the radio car, and Suspect Polee began to run. Witness [REDACTED] recalled being told by Deputy Bald, "Get Down!" He dropped to his knees by the radio car, and Deputy Bald began shooting at Suspect Polee who was running in a southwest direction, being chased by Deputy Ellison.

Witness [REDACTED] stated that he looked in the direction of Suspect Polee, and observed Suspect Polee throw the gun into the lake with his left hand. He stated Suspect Polee did not fire the gun, and did not point the gun at the deputies. After the shooting stopped he was ordered into the back seat of the radio car. He stated he was not searched prior to entering the car, and was driven to the location of Suspect Polee by Deputy Bald. He stated he was detained at the location to be interviewed.

Suspect Polee stated that he had been involved in a fight with fellow gang members prior to this incident. He stated he left the area of Ujima Village and went to get a gun. He said he was walking eastbound on E. 120th Street when he met his [REDACTED], Witness [REDACTED]. He said they were walking back to Ujima Village, around the lake, when they were approached by deputies. Suspect Polee stated he was wearing a large jacket, and was carrying the gun in his left hand. He said it was never concealed under his jacket.

Suspect Polee recalled that as they were walking near the lake the patrol car suddenly appeared to the right of them. He said they were talking and did not notice the patrol car until it was adjacent to them and a spot light was shining in their direction. He said Witness [REDACTED] stated, "What are you going to do?" and he replied, "I'm going to run." Suspect Polee stated that one of the deputies asked them to come over to the car and when Witness [REDACTED] started to walk to the car, he started to run. He stated he never looked in the direction of the deputies, but heard one of the deputies say, "He's got a gun!" as he was running.

Suspect Polee said he had the gun in his left hand as he was running, and several shots were fired at him by one of deputies. He described hearing several shots, at which time he raised the shotgun up to his chest, holding it with both hands, and threw the shotgun into the lake. He said more shots were fired at him and he was struck in the lower right leg as he began to cross the narrow portion of the lake. He continued to run and was shot two times, in the left

leg, while in the lake. Although he had been hit three times in the lower part of his legs, he continued to run. He stated that as he exited the lake on the east side he received another wound to the back of his left leg. He stated that this wound slowed his ability to run, as he attempted to run up a small knoll. He stated he stopped running when he heard a deputy say, "Stop or I'll blow the back of your head off." Suspect Polee said he fell to the ground and was handcuffed by the deputy and two Housing Police officers.

Suspect Polee stated that he was told to roll over onto his stomach and was handcuffed. An ambulance arrived and he was treated at the scene and transported to Martin Luther King Hospital for treatment.

On November 12, 1993, five felony counts were filed in Compton Municipal Court, by Detective Frank Carey assigned to Safe Streets Bureau/ Carson Station, charging 245 (D) (1), 496.1, 12020 (A), 12025 (A), and 12031 (A) P.C.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WITNESS LIST

SWORN AND DEPT EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE NAME, RANK, EMPLOYEE NUMBER, UNIT, AND DIVISION/REGION OF ASSIGNMENT - ALL OTHER WITNESSES TO INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS (BUSINESS AND HOME) AND TELEPHONE #

WITNESS # 1



was interviewed on 11-10-93, at _____ hours by Sergeants Edward Allen and John Garner of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded.

WITNESS # 2

Dana Ellison, Deputy

#

Safe Streets Bureau/ G.E.T.
Field Operations Region II

was interviewed on 11-10-93, at approximately 0030 hours by Sergeants Edward Allen and John Garder of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his Administrative Rights: Yes ☒ No ☐

WITNESS # _____

was interviewed on _____ at _____ hours by _____ of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/her Administrative Rights: Yes ☐ No ☐

WITNESS # _____

was interviewed on _____ at _____ hours by _____ of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/her Administrative Rights: Yes ☐ No ☐

NOTE: THIS LIST ONLY CONTAINS THOSE WITNESSES PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED BY I.A.B. INVESTIGATORS. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES.